Brown

Dear Jim, 12/18/75

We haven't moved. They've renumbered the routes. We are not 8 now but 12.

Thanks much. Glad to hear from you. What you report has importances I've no time to go into for different reasons. I'm recovering from a heavy case of phlebitis, both legs. It requires more rest and other things that reduce what I can do. No pain. Prognosis good. Indications it will take time. So, I can respond to only that which can have importance to me now or in the future. In the order of your letter.

Are you saying that Eastland is reopening the JFK case? On what basis? If they do, stay off. You'll regret it. Don't let your political beliefs interfere with reason. There is no possibility of his doing other than a whitewash job. But please keep me informed as fully as you can. And as rapidly. His only purpose at this late date would be to frustrate the possibility of other investigations.

I'd like the clipping from the Jackson Morning News of 12/13 you quote as "FBI Withheld Facts in JFK Killing." Did they have a story on my MLK press conference of the 11th, which would have been their issue of the 12th? I have a lecture bureau now and can use these things.

You correctly diagnose Anson as a ripoff artist. It would be helpful to me and could be a useful part of your law training if you would go over this and itemize each uncredited bit of cribbing, whether or not but particularly from me.

The man to whom I introduced you and to whose restaurant we went for dinner is Larry Borenstein. He is the nephew of Bronstein/Trotsky but as practising a capitalist as there is. I knew that he had sold Ruby a painting and had discussed it with him earlier. There is more to this nothingness than I can now go into.

While I know the geogrpahy of the area well, I have never been to the Long Beach area. I knew your connections and employment. There is no rational explanation of Bud except that he is nuts on this subject and does only the insane and never checks anything out and given any choice will jump to the wrong conclusion and even then fuck it up. I did not know he has been there 5/13/75 but did know Lane was sent later. They are lost in this and I'm not about to help them get out. They represent the biggest single problem to getting something done, are egocentric and egomaniacal and the only hope is that before it is too late they will destroy all their own credibility. I don't mind telling you I'm sitting back and waiting for this. You are lucky he didn't call you (pprobably because he knows we are friends) because you'd then have been involved in what is at best a foolishness.

I have other interests in Gaudet and would appreciate knowing whatever you may know, believe or have heard, in all the detail possible because you have no way of knowing what my interest is and I now cannot say. Of any period of his life.

Sorry I can't write more. I can spend only so much time typing, which requires that I spreadeagle the typewriter with legs raised. Thanks for everything. Have a good holiday and a good year and stick to your school, not any committee job. Don't even seek it.

Sincerely,